

## ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND ABOUT TOWN

News and Gossip of Washington and Washingtonians Tensely Told.

Whether it is nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune or fly to evils that we know not of.

Had Hamlet lived in the twentieth century his famous soliloquy—slightly altered to meet the occasion—might have applied to the proposed standstill of the street railway service which will be the subject of a public hearing before the Public Utilities Commission in the board room of the District Building Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

Passengers, and especially suburbanites, are interesting themselves in the question as to whether a seat for every passenger during the non-rush hours, and for every passenger during the rush hours, would mean a loss of space for the street cars. William McK. Clayton, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, has prepared some data on the proposed standstill, which he will present to the commission. Mr. Clayton said today that his investigation so far has led to the impression that the changes would retard rather than improve the service.

The commission is desirous of obtaining a full expression of public opinion at the hearing. A large attendance of "strap-hangers" is expected.

To Give Concert Saturday.

The Georgetown playground has organized an orchestra which will give the first of a series of concerts next Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. There will be eighty pieces in the organization. Director Donnellson has charge.

Plates Plate Printers.

The action of the Federated Unions of Greater New York in disapproving Director Ralph's interpretation of the Workman's compensation act, and their strong endorsement of Congressman Carlin's bill in respect to that, has created a feeling of jubilation among Washington plate printers. The New York organization, in a resolution adopted September 1, strongly condemned Director Ralph as unfair to organized labor.

Young People's Outing.

Members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Fourth Presbyterian Church are enjoying an outing today at Lorton, Va. The young people are the guests of Alene Cooper, a member of the society. A program of athletic events is a feature.

Weather Checks Swimmers.

Cooling breezes lessened somewhat the enthusiasm of the swimmers at the beach today. There was, however, a small attendance of "regulars" when the beach opened at 7 o'clock this morning for men and women. The pools closed at noon. The season probably will end September 15.

DEPT. OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES CHANGES

Promotions, Transfers, and Appointments Given Out.

The Department of Commerce has announced the following changes in its personnel. In the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Jay E. Fitzgerald, chief of division, has been promoted from \$2,500 to \$2,500; and Edward J. Breyer, clerk, has been promoted from \$900 to \$1,000. In the Office of the Secretary, James B. Harrison has been transferred from the Department of Interior as laborer at \$900. In the Bureau of the Census, William H. Davis has received probational appointment as chief statistician at \$3,000; Meloy Neal has been transferred from the Postoffice Department as clerk at \$900. In the Bureau of Standards the following promotions have been made: Harold L. VanKouren, assistant physicist, from \$1,400 to \$1,500; Clifford W. Shippee, assistant inspector of weights and measures, from \$1,200 to \$1,400; Benjamin C. Cruikshank, laboratory assistant, from \$900 to \$1,000; Kenneth D. Hanson, aid, from \$600 to \$720. The following new appointments have been made: Michael N. Idelson, as laboratory assistant, at \$900; George A. Patrick, as aid, at \$600; Leopold Weichler, as laboratory assistant, at \$1,200; Muri Egan, skilled laborer, at \$720; Lester W. Brand, as laboratory assistant, at \$1,200; Alfred E. Hanson, as assistant inspector of weights and measures, at \$1,200; John F. Craven, as skilled laborer, at \$720; and Daniel Murphy, as junior laboratory helper, at \$540.

CITIZENS' BODY WILL CONSIDER CHANGES

Columbia Heights Association to Plan Improvements.

Recommendations for improvements will be considered at the first full meeting of the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association tomorrow night. The meeting will be held in the Postoffice building on Park Road, immediately west of Fourteenth street.

Members having recommendations for improvements in Columbia Heights have been asked to submit them at this meeting or mail them to the secretary. The recommendations will be considered by the executive committee for submission to the District Commissioners for the forthcoming estimates to Congress.

Children's Eyes

Eye weakness often develops at an early age. Parents should bring their children to our Dr. Baker for free examination. Glasses, if needed, will be correctly fitted at lowest cost. Pay 50c a week if you wish.

Castelberg's 935 Pa. Ave.

LOANS HORNING

Ref. Va. (south end of Highway Bridge). Free automobile from 9th and D sts. S.W.

## Uncle Harry and His Party See Big Trees

Oldest Living Things in World, Giant Redwoods of California, Excite Wonder of Travelers Who Visit National Park.

JIMMY was sitting in the front seat, beside the driver, while Uncle Harry and Mary and Joe occupied the back seat. The big automobile was traveling fast enough to give them a good breeze, but not too fast for them to enjoy the wonderful scenery. After a while Mary turned to Uncle Harry and said: "Weren't those little chicks funny little things?"

The party had stopped at a house several miles back to "sample" the fine spring water that the chauffeur had told them they might "have for the asking." It was there they had seen the new brood of chicks—just hatched that morning.

"Yes, they were funny," said Uncle Harry, smiling as he recalled the fuzzy little creatures. Then tapping Jimmy on the shoulder to attract his attention, Uncle Harry said to his three companions: "Those little chicks were the youngest living things in the world—they were born just this morning. In a little while we will see the oldest living thing in the world."

"How old, Uncle Harry?" asked Joe. "More than 2,000 years old, without any doubt, and some people say, more nearly 4,000 than 2,000."

"You don't mean years, do you?" asked Mary. "You're joking with us, aren't you?"

"Yes, years—4,000 years, and still living," said Uncle Harry. The little party had been so interested in their discussion they had not noticed that the auto was drawing near to a great woodland. And before they realized it, the car had stopped, and the chauffeur was saying: "We get out here and walk the rest of the way."

Ten minutes later they found themselves standing before the biggest tree any one of them had ever seen. Exclamations of surprise and amazement came so fast from Jimmy, Mary and Joe that Uncle Harry could hardly tell what any one of them was saying.

"Oh," shouted Jimmy. "I almost twisted my head off trying to see to the top. How high is it, Uncle Harry?"

"About 150 or 160 feet," said Uncle Harry. "But we can't stay right here too long; this is only one of the 'little fellows'."

"What do you mean?" asked Mary. "Come along and I'll show you," added Uncle Harry, but he had to almost drag his trio of sightseers to make them move.

As they walked along the path Mary and the boys discovered that they were surrounded by giant trees—higher than any trees they had ever seen. Higher even than the great tall trees of Yellowstone Park.

Presently Uncle Harry came to a stop and said: "Now then, boys, look at this Mary, here is a really big tree."

And there before them stood a tree that was as thick through the trunk as the side lawn of Jimmy and Joe's home was wide. The top-most branches seemed almost lost in the sky.

"I don't believe it!" said Jimmy. "What don't you believe?" asked Uncle Harry, laughing. "I don't believe it's a real tree," said Jimmy. "Maybe it's a monument or something else, but I don't believe it's a tree."

"Well, it is a tree all right," said Uncle Harry. "It is the tallest and biggest tree in the world, and the oldest living thing in the world."

And Uncle Harry was right, for the party was standing before the famous General Sherman Tree in the Sequoia National Park, in the central part of California.

"Tell us some more about this tree," said Mary. "For I think this is—"

"Well, Uncle Harry, we're running a race!" said Jimmy. "It was Jimmy's voice that interrupted Mary, but neither he nor Joe were in sight. A moment later the two boys came dashing around one side of the tree."

"We were racing around the tree," said Joe, puffing like a young steam engine. "Pretty good run that, boys," said Uncle Harry. "It's a little more than 100 feet."

"You mean the circumference is 102 feet?" asked Mary.

"Exactly," said Uncle Harry. "This General Sherman Tree is 275 feet high. It was discovered in 1891 by a hunter, who named it after the famous Civil War general. Scientists, who have studied it and the other trees here in the park, say that it is about 4,000 years old. That means that it had been standing for 2,000 years before Christ was born, and that it was a pretty good sized sapling at the time when Moses led the Hebrews out of Egypt."

"What kind of a tree is it?" asked Jimmy.

"All these trees are called 'Sequoias,' which is an Indian name, and was responsible for the unearthing of numerous blankets early this morning. But it will begin to grow warmer this afternoon. I tell you, it's really big, although no real hot wave is in sight. Fair weather will continue today and tomorrow, it is stated."

"When we get to the hotel," said Uncle Harry, "we can buy some postcard cards showing pictures of the big trees, especially the General Sherman. Send one of the cards to mother and tell her that the tree is 275 feet high—high as a skyscraper building, and that it contains enough wood—be sure to tell her this—enough wood to make a box big enough to enclose the largest steamship in the world."

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Uncle Harry will be glad to answer inquiries, either in this column or by mail, provided letters are signed with the full name and address of the person writing. The correspondents' names will not appear in the articles.

A recruiting campaign for new students for Gonzaga College, 11 street between North Capitol and First streets northwest, will be conducted all this week by a special committee of the alumni association of the institution.

The results of the week's work will be given over by the committee at a meeting of the committee at the college Friday night.

A free scholarship to the college will be awarded the winner of a competitive examination to be held at the college at 9 o'clock Wednesday.

The examination is open to graduates of the eighth grade of any accredited grammar school. The college will open next Monday.

BIG GAIN SHOWN IN PHILIPPINE TRADE

Exports of \$61,464,031 Largest in History of Islands.

A remarkable gain in Philippine trade is shown in a report by the bureau of industrial affairs of the War Department covering exports and imports of the islands for the fiscal year ending June 30, last.

Total exports of \$61,464,031 were the largest in the history of the islands and exceed those of 1915 by more than ten and a half million dollars. Sugar shipments were valued at \$17,203,318, an increase of \$7,490,561, and hemp at \$24,575,300 or \$5,105,658 over the preceding year.

Import conditions also show improvement over depression coincident with the outbreak of war. The import total of \$45,878,000 was still below normal, although a million and a half larger than the 1915 figures. American goods constituted 52 per cent of the total volume of imports for the year.

Perkins and Cortelyou Called on Coroner's Jury

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—A panel of forty jurors, including George W. Perkins and George B. Cortelyou, has been drawn for the construction at Madison avenue and 189th street, The Bronx.

Coroner William J. Flynn said that every phase of the building collapse as a result of which six persons are charged with manslaughter, will be looked into.

Testimony will be given by members of the Municipal Civil Service Commission. The coroner is curious to learn what kind of men the iron inspectors, whose salary is only \$1,200 a year, are, and how extensive is their technical knowledge. A reorganization of the Bronx Building Department is expected soon.

15c—Prices Sundays and Holidays—15c  
10c 10 A.M. GARDEN 5 P.M. TO 11 15c

BESSIE BARRISCALE TODAY TUES. WITH WM. DESMOND IN THE PAYMENT

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10c 10 A.M. STRAND 5 P.M. TO 11 15c

LIONEL BARRYMORE TODAY TUES. THE UPHEAVAL

## CONGRESS EXODUS BEGUN IN EARNEST

Members Are Leaving the Capitol in Droves to Mend Political Fences.

Trains that will not stop on a railroad strike order are carrying home today dozens of members of Congress who have said farewell to the National Capitol until after the November elections.

As soon as the eight-hour bill was signed members of the Senate and House, and particularly legislators of the lower chamber, hurriedly gathered up railway time tables and suit cases and prepared for the exodus. Their voices will sound on the political highways until election day and their belated appearance on political battle grounds will add to the zest of the campaign.

The House was far short of a quorum today, although the lower chamber met to clean up odds and ends. It probably will be impossible to keep a quorum in the Senate by the end of the week, and plans are for an adjournment by Thursday.

The exodus of House members began Saturday night and yesterday practically all members gathered to their districts to repair political fences. Others left today, the assumption being that no quorum will be needed for a conference report on the revenue bill.

CANADIAN BREEZES BRING COOL WAVE

Mercury Down to 50 on Coldest Night in Months.

With an occasional yellow leaf floating down from the trees, a clear blue sky overhead, and a faint suggestion of old Jack Frost in the atmosphere, Washington today is experiencing the first touch of autumn, and men are beginning to think of felt hats and gloves, and women of warm shawls and other comforting wraps.

For, riding on the wings of a north-west breeze, millions and millions of cubical feet of cold air are rushing into Washington late yesterday and last night from away up in Canada and caused the mercury to take a decided tumble from the summer temperature of a few days ago.

At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon a temperature of 54 was recorded at the Weather Bureau, and by 6 o'clock this morning the mercury had shrunk still further down in the tube, as if trying to escape from the cold, and registered an even 50.

This makes the coldest night since practiced back last spring and was responsible for the unearthing of numerous blankets early this morning. But it will begin to grow warmer this afternoon. I tell you, it's really big, although no real hot wave is in sight. Fair weather will continue today and tomorrow, it is stated.

SPANISH WAR VETS GO TO ENCAMPMENT

Over 25,000 Former Soldiers at Chicago Gathering.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—From 25,000 to 30,000 Spanish war veterans gathered here today for the annual national encampment of the Spanish War Veterans.

The day was started with a huge parade of veterans, and the most laborious and biggest since the veterans were organized thirteen years ago.

Every State in the union is represented. Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin and Illinois were represented with more than a thousand soldiers from each State.

Features of the encampment will be a competitive drill, maneuvers and a sham battle by two brigades of the United States Veterans' Legion.

Tries Suicide Twice When Work Is Gone

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Making a living from sewing handkerchiefs was not an occupation which tended to make Jessie McKay, twenty-one years old, of 157 East 122d street, the Bronx, particularly fond of life. Yesterday, when, after a short illness, she returned to her work, she was told that another girl had taken her place, she determined to kill herself.

The window was open near her, and Jessie made for it, shouting, "I'm going to end it all." Three men caught her before she could throw herself down five stories to the pavement. After she had calmed down, they let her go, whereupon she started for the river. Father-in-law, who was with her, as she was about to jump from a jetty. An ambulance then took her to the Lincoln Hospital.

Swift & Company's sales of beef in Washington, D. C., for the week ending Saturday, September 2, averaged as follows: Domestic beef, 13.47 cents per lb.—Adv.

LOCAL MENTION.

J. C. Wineman & Co., men's tailors, now located at 1802 P St.

The Sunday Evening Times has all the acknowledged advantages of evening newspaper circulation, without the disadvantages of Sunday morning newspapers of many sections.

PHOTOPLAYS

CASINO 7th and F DAILY, NOON to 11 P. M. Prices: Mats., 10c; Eve., 15c

TODAY Henry B. Walthall IN "The Sting of Victory" FRANK DANIELS, in "PRINCE TANGO" The "Pathe Weekly," Latest News Release

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## New Fall Dresses At—\$19.75

Straight lines prevail, long coat effects with skirt skirts, and finished with belt; novelty basque styles with skirts trimmed with three rows of wide black braid, finished with broadcloth collar; serge and taffeta combinations with brightening touches of Russian yarn embroidery, and deep collar.

There are other styles in serge, also some fetching models in navy blue satin, finished with white satin collar and ornamented with worsted yarn embroidery.

Navy blue and black are the chief favorites for fall.

Kann's—Second Floor.

## SMART PETTICOATS

For My Lady to Wear Under the New Fall Suit and Frocks Ruffles and Tucks on Deep Flounces Give a Full Flare Effect to the Top Clothes So Necessary This Season.

Jersey Top Klossit Petticoats With mesaline flounce. Finished with deep accordion pleated flounce and four small ruffles. Colors are navy, gray, Belgian, plum, old rose, brown, reseda, Newport tan, black, and white.

At—\$5.50 Klossit Taffeta Petticoats Made with deep flounce finished with three small ruffles, in plain and changeable colors, such as navy, reseda, gray, green, and black.

At—\$5.50 Changeable Taffeta Petticoats Made with deep flounce, finished with accordion pleated effects, topped with scalloped frill. Elastic at fitted waist. Pretty changeable effects.

At—\$5.00 Kann's—Second Floor.

## Stunning New Fall Suits

In This Sale of a Manufacturer's Sample Line of Suits Made to Sell Up to \$29.75, at Choice \$19.75

Every woman should be interested in this event because it gives better opportunity to buy the most authentic fall styles in suits at a marked saving in price. The fact they are samples from one of our leading makers should make them all the more desirable. Investigate tomorrow.

The Materials —are plain velours, broadcloths, gabardines, poplins, whipcords, basket weave and velour checks.

The Styles —are plain tailored straight models, belted-back effects, fur trimmed, braid and button trimmed.

COLORS include blue, brown, green, plum, wistaria, burgundy, and black.

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## Remember That the Beds Need Their New Fall Outfit, the Same As You Do, For Cleanliness and Sanitation. These Items Worthy Your Attention

## Blankets and Comforts

70x82 in. Fine White California Blankets, made from good California stock, soft finished, with pretty pink and blue borders, wide mohair binding. Special pair..... \$3.95

French Sateen Comforts, best quality covers, in pretty striped patterns; made by the unique arrangement in which the pieces are set together; white cotton filled; good weight, double bed size. Special, each..... \$2.69

NONE TOO EARLY TO THINK OF BUYING FLANNELS FOR MAKING UP THE WINTER GARMENTS Both For Yourself and the Youngsters.

White Wool Flannels, 27 inches wide, good weight. Special, a yard..... 25c

Heavy Weight Outing Flannel, 27 inches wide, in large variety of new patterns and colors, including stripes, checks and plaids; also plain white, pink, blue, and unbleached, extra good weight. Special, a yard..... 12 1/2c

## EVERYBODY WHO POSSESSES A BED Pay Attention to This—\$5 Satin Finish Bed Spreads For Tuesday—\$3.98 Only—

One of our best \$5.00 spreads, size 88x98, scalloped and cut corners, suitable for brass or other metal beds, with box springs, extra large and all perfect.

72x90 Reunion Bleached Sheets, for three-quarter beds, or sanitary couches, also suitable for double beds as they are 2 yards wide. Special Tuesday at 50c each

48x36 Clover Linen finished Pillow Cases, Tuesday, each 10c

5-4 Cohasset Pillow Tubing, always selling at 25c a yard. Special Tuesday, a yard..... 20c

Se Sea Island Unbleached Cotton, which will soon bleach white, after a few washings; tomorrow, special, a yard..... 6 1/2c

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